

Frederick County Commission For Women

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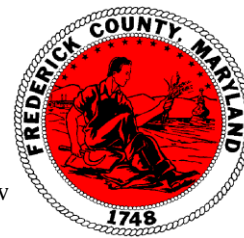
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013

7:00pm

Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Diana Halleman, Christine Ferguson, , Olga Hernandez-Smith, Linda Roth, Shellome Walters, Jennifer Charlton-Shuldes, Natalie Abbas, Hebba Hassanein and Susan Mender.

Absent Commissioners: Tish Honse, Cher Woehl

Guests: Terry Smith (Volunteer), Marcela Perez (Volunteer) Silvia Munoz-Moreyra (volunteer), Kevin Lollar (ED, Big Brothers, Big Sisters), Cindy Miller (Commissioner candidate), Pat Owens (MD State Women's Commissioner), VeraLynn Morris (Commissioner candidate), Connie Harris (Intern) and Adrienne Summers

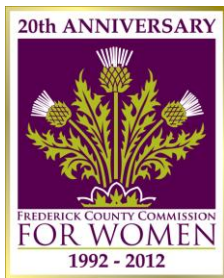
1. President's Report, Minutes, and Announcements President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- b. **December 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes** Linda Roth moved and Susan Mender seconded approval of December 11, 2012 minutes. Motion passed.
- c. **Calendar of Events** – Commission President Dobson asked that if there are any changes/additions/deletions to the calendar to please let her know.
- d. **Announcements:**
 - Commissioner Dobson announced that March is Women's History Month as well as International Women's Day on March 8th. It is also the month for our Leadership Alliance Dinner.
 - MLAW Reception slated for January 22nd in Annapolis from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Maryland Inn.
 - Women of Tomorrow Award (MD Women's Commission) is seeking nominations and it was suggested that we submit our student Leadership Alliance candidate for that as well. Deadline is February 15th.
 - January 22nd, FMH is presenting a program on Sexuality after Cancer Treatment at the Women's Center.

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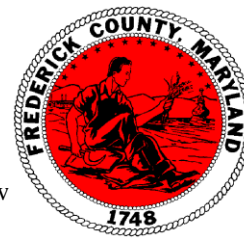
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- **Speaker:** The speaker for tonight was Kevin Lollar, the new executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). Kevin explained the organization's challenges in the coming year including recruiting more adult volunteers to serve the children already on the waiting list and others who have yet to be reached. The Commission agreed to publicize the need and to work toward helping to recruit volunteers and getting the word out to the public.

Financial Report – Commissioner Dougherty reported that we had a balance of \$29244.90 in our current bank accounts.

Committee Reports/Special Projects – Reports were delivered by the following Committees: Legislative, Recruitment, Marketing, Outreach, and 2012 Maryland Women's Conference.

- **Legislative** – No Report
- **Recruitment/Volunteer** – Two new candidates were presented for a vote as new commissioners (Cindy Miller and Vera Lynn Morris); it was also noted that FCCFW will be represented at the Spring Community Service Fair at Hood on January 30th. No report from the liaison to the Women's Giving Circle or from the FCC liaison. Linda Roth report that FMH is doing robotics research and that a women's health fair is scheduled in May. Sharon will represent FCCFW at the next meeting of the Human Relations Commission on Jan. 29nd.
- **Marketing** - No report.
- **2013 Maryland Women's conference** – Commissioner Dobson sought volunteers to help with the next conference in the Fall. 2013 is the 5 year anniversary of the conference and we will be seeking a new venue and high value speaker.
- **Outreach** – Olga reported that Centro Hispano has a new ESL teacher who needs English speaking volunteers to help with lesson plans, etc.

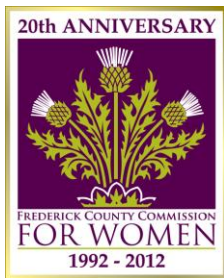
2. Old Business –

- Leadership Alliance Dinner “save the date” notices going out soon; cost will be \$40 per person.
- MWC – Committee needs to re-form (see above)

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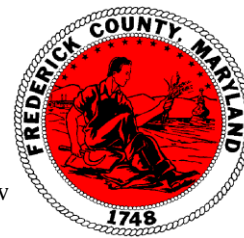
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- Bylaws Revision – reply received from County Attorney and new document will be sent out to commissioners; tabled till February meeting.
- Other: It was noted that we should aim to have something “measurable” to show for the agencies who come and speak to us.

3. New Business – Jennifer Charlton-Shuldes asked the group to consider the impact on nonprofits and the charity “loophole” deduction now being considered in Congress. She suggested that FCCFW be prepared to take a position on this. The group was also reminded that Tuesday, April 9th is Equal Pay Day.

4. Adjournment and Closed Meeting – A motion was made by to close the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 with the commissioners voting in a closed session to accept the recommendation of Cindy Miller and Vera Lynn Morris to fill the empty positions on the commission. During the discussion period Jennifer Shuldes motioned to accept Vera Lynn Morris and was it was seconded by Natalie Abbas. The motion was put forth to accept Cindy Miller by Hebba Hassanein and seconded by Christine Ferguson. Both candidates were approved by unanimous consent. Their names will be submitted to the County Commissioners for consideration of appointment to the commission. The closed session was then adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next public meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013.

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